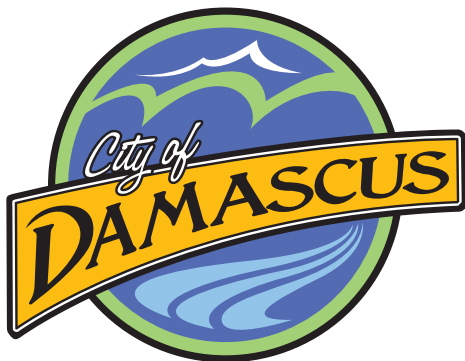


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# VISION FOR THE CITY OF DAMASCUS

## Gathering Places

Farmers' Markets

Transportation that connects, not divides

Mixed Use

Culture / Arts

Destinations

Civic Life

Concentrated Development

Schools in Neighborhoods

## RECREATION / NEIGHBORHOODS

## Rural / Nature

Trail System

Street Trees

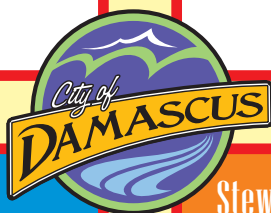
Small-Town Feel

Agriculture

Dark Sky

## YOUTH / STUDENTS

## FAMILIES / PROFESSIONALS / SENIORS



## Multi-Modal

Transportation Linkages

Brings People Together

Range of Choices

Reduce Auto Dependency

Brings People/Goods to Damascus

Innovation

People Work Where They Live / Reduce Commuting

Connects With Region

## CIVIC CENTERS / EMPLOYMENT

## Stewards of Our Environment

Sustainable Development

Renewable Practices

Protect Sensitive Areas

Innovation

New Technology

Utilize Local Resources

Social Capital

Strive for a Carbon-Neutral Footprint



From back, left to right: Council President Jim Wright, Mayor Dee Wescott, and Councilors Andrew Jackman, Randy Shannon, Barb Ledbury, Diana Helm, and David Jochen

Damascus is Oregon’s second newest city, incorporated on November 2, 2004, by an affirmative vote of 65 percent of the voters. We are 9,670 people in 3,323 households located on 10,467 acres. Over 93 percent of our households are owner occupied. On July 1, 2006, we got our own zip code: 97089. This annual report details major accomplishments and budget expenditures over the past fiscal year, between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007.



Penny Morrison, Executive Assistant; Anita Yap, Community Development Director; Dan Bartlett, Interim City Manager; Chris Alfino, Planning Intern; Tammie Milkes, Public Involvement Coordinator; Linda Richardson, Administrative Specialist; Theresa Nation, Administrative Specialist; Dan O'Dell, Interim Finance Director; Erika Palmer, Associate Planner; Julie Rushton, Accountant; and Bob Short, Associate Planner

CITY OF DAMASCUS MISSION STATEMENT

Provide wise and effective stewardship of the citizens’ trust and resources in creating an extraordinary city.

Our city will:

- ◆ Provide a complete community where people can live, work, play, shop, and learn
- ◆ Be founded on principles of economic, social, and environmental sustainability
- ◆ Grow in a planned, efficient, balanced, and logical manner, as defined by the community
- ◆ Be vibrant in its economic, cultural, and civic life
- ◆ Have an innovative and flexible local government
- ◆ Engage and encourage citizen participation, action, and leadership

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS & HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ City adopted mission, vision, and strategic plan
- ✓ Municipal code adopted
- ✓ Public involvement plan adopted
- ✓ Community Coordination Committee (C3) established
- ✓ Natural features inventory complete
- ✓ Emergency operations plan adopted
- ✓ Two new Neighborhood Watch programs established
- ✓ Transition from five- to seven-member council
- ✓ Communications plan adopted
- ✓ City assumes responsibility for cable franchises
- ✓ Solid waste management transferred to city
- ✓ City was awarded four grants totaling \$899,724
- ✓ DLCD technical assistance grant: \$75,000
- ✓ Metro construction excise tax: \$524,724
- ✓ TGM transportation system plan: \$250,000
- ✓ TGM code assistance planning: \$50,000
- ✓ Enhanced police services continue
- ✓ City of Damascus patch on deputies’ uniforms
- ✓ City contracted with engineering firm
- ✓ Council adopted Guidance for a New City document
- ✓ Damascus–Happy Valley boundary settled
- ✓ Website enhancements
- ✓ City acquires Damascus ZIP code
- ✓ City roads atlas complete
- ✓ Roadway-management program under development
- ✓ City Hall acquired additional meeting and staffing space
- ✓ Records-management system established

FISCAL YEAR 2007–2008 ADOPTED BUDGET

On June 4, 2007, the city council conducted a public hearing and adopted the following budget, with one modification from the budget approved by the budget committee. The council approved a proposal to add a \$10,000 line item for emergency preparedness.

The adopted 2007–2008 appropriations budget, by fund, is:

General Fund	\$ 4,573,761
Community Development Fund	\$ 3,366,466
Road Fund	\$ 1,153,085
Street Fund	\$ 10,000
Parks Fund	\$ 724,997
9-1-1 Fund	\$ 55,000
Tax Anticipation Note Fund	\$ 25,000
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 9,908,309</b>

The complete budget document may be viewed on the city’s website at [www.ci.damascus.or.us](http://www.ci.damascus.or.us).

OVER THE NEXT YEAR LOOK FORWARD TO:

- Development of the city’s comprehensive plan
- Enhanced law enforcement
- Establishment of a municipal court and code compliance program
- Establishment of two new funds: Park Fund and Street Fund
- Additional staff
- Property tax rate continues at \$3.30 per \$1,000 (producing approximately 36 percent of the city’s revenues)
- Grant revenue totaling \$1,814,724
- State revenue sharing: \$648,144
- All existing franchises are now transferred to the city, producing \$498,568 in revenue
- City’s share of the Metro Open Space Bond, \$724,997 for open-space land acquisition
- Initial implementation of street maintenance program

CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT

On behalf of the mayor and the council, the city takes this opportunity to thank the citizens of Damascus for your continued support and participation in multiple accomplishments. Over the past fiscal year citizens of Damascus took part in or attended the Budget Committee, Community Coordination Committee, Natural Features Topic-Specific Team, council meetings, natural-features open houses and kick-off meetings, city manager–selection meet-and-greet, staff selection committees, polls and surveys, customer comment cards, property inventory permission, Christmas and Halloween open house celebrations, and Damascus City News readership and article contribution. Special thanks go out to those who took leadership positions on our committees.